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## Chapter 4: Help

LEZ

FEZ

BOY

WE MADE  
A PINEY-  
FREAK,  
RIGHT?



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## The true story of Life

Ayumi is a high school girl who's a sister. She's pretty insecure, and constantly worries about hanging onto her friendship with Manami. When Ayumi finds out that Manami's boyfriend Katsumi hasn't been willing to have sex, she promises to help Manami maintain his attraction anyway. She makes a pinky-swear with Manami that she'll do anything to help keep the relationship going. When Katsumi suddenly breaks up with Manami, Manami is heartbroken. Will Ayumi be able to keep her promise?

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## The Story So Far

Katsumi



Harumi



Shi-chan



Manami Anzai



Ayumi Shiiba  
this guide is high school.



Ayumi was devastated when her best friend Shiiba didn't want to go to the same high school that she did. She then couldn't find a way to stay with her, and their friendship was over. To deal with the pain of losing her best friend, Ayumi started acting herself. She's terrified that any day she'll realize she's alone in the world, the way that Shiiba did.





ALL  
I ASKED  
WAS FOR  
YOU TO CALL  
HIM FOR  
ME.

I DIDN'T  
ASK YOU TO  
GET US BACK  
TOGETHER.



WE FINKE  
SNOKE,  
AND  
NOW LOOK  
WHAT'S  
HAPPENED!



WELL  
YOU  
ORDERED  
ME TO EAT,  
DIDN'T  
YOU?

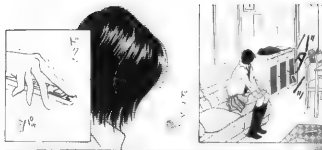
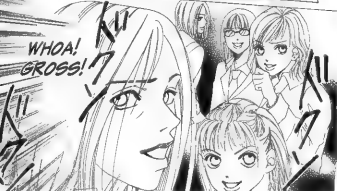
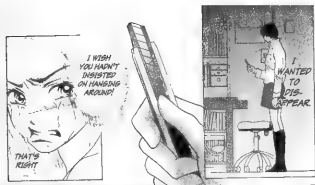
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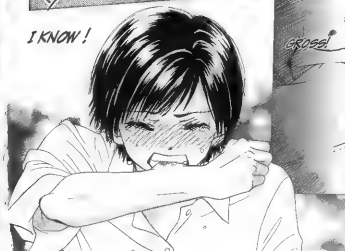


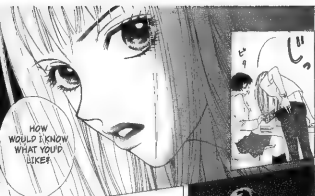


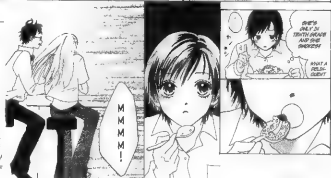
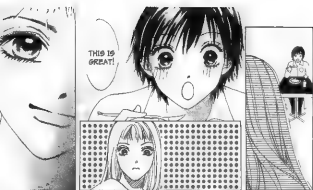


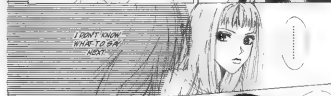














HAH?





















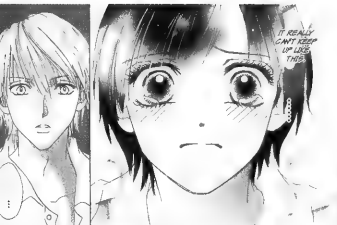




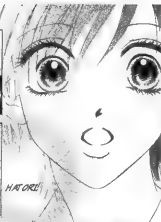
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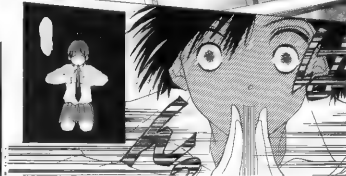


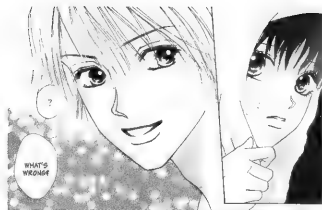
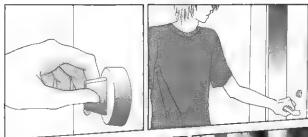










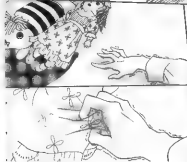


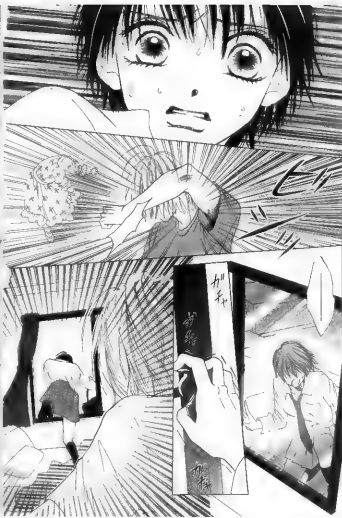


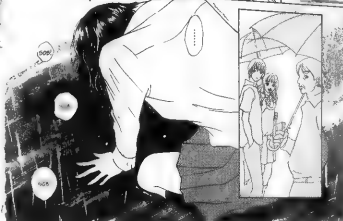
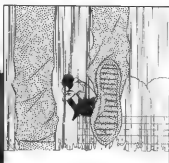
I  
KNOW  
YOU SAW  
IT.

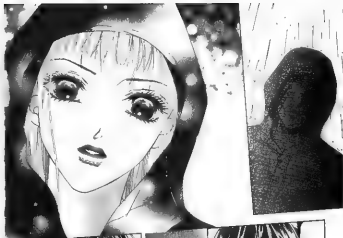


YOU  
SAW,  
DIDN'T  
YOU?

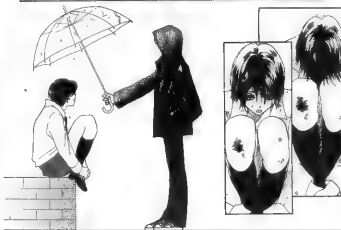
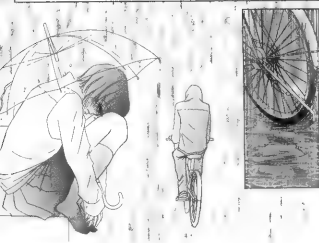


















SHE  
WANTED  
TO SEE  
YOU.

A  
MAP TO  
MANAMI'S  
HOUSE. YOU  
SHOULD  
GO OVER  
THERE.



AND SHE  
WAS REALLY  
HAPPY

I  
THOUGHT  
I HAD DONE  
SOMETHING  
WRONG

HIHI

I  
CALLED HER  
YESTERDAY.



I DON'T  
KNOW  
WHAT'S  
GOING TO  
HAPPEN,  
BUT...

RIGHT  
NOW, I'M  
STAYING  
WITH HER.

WE'RE  
TALKING  
AGAIN.



PLEASE  
DON'T  
TELL  
ANYONE



HE  
WAS ON  
THE HONOR  
ROLL!

THE  
TEACHERS  
AND ALL LOVED  
HIM.



...ABOUT  
YESTERDAY



I'M  
SORRY FOR  
EVER EVEN  
MAKING IT.



I'M  
SORRY

...FOR  
LOOKING AT  
IT WITHOUT  
ASKING.

YEAH.

OKAY



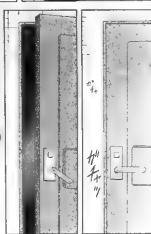
WHAT'S  
THIS?



WHY IS  
HE BOW-  
ING?

HEY!  
HE GAVE  
HER SOME-  
THING!

DARN,  
I CAN'T  
HEAR THEM



I'M  
SO  
GLAD!





THIS  
IS MY  
DAD'S OTHER  
APART-  
MENT.



IT WAS  
HARD TO  
MAKE THAT  
NAME PLATE.

Ho Ho!



IT'S A  
LONG  
WAY  
DOWN.

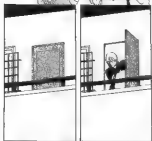


HEY!



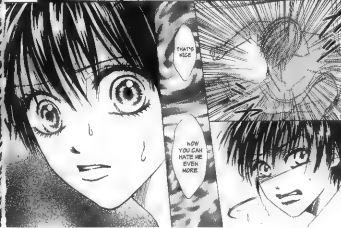
GREAT,  
WE LOST  
HER.

WHO'S  
IN NEXT?



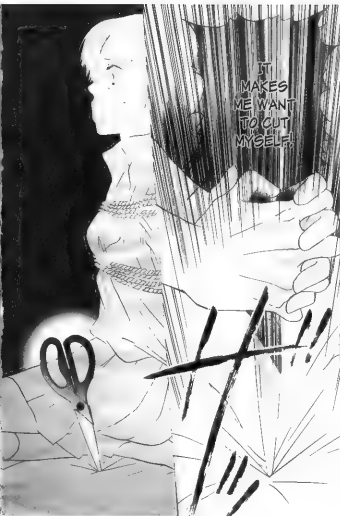
YOU'VE  
GOT  
TO BE  
KIDDING!













Chapter 6: Curse



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WELL  
DONE!



YOU SAY,  
"PLEASE DO NOT  
TELL ANYONE,  
MASTER."



I  
WANT TO  
DIE.



MASTER



PLEASE

ANY  
ONE

DO  
NOT  
TELL





I HAVE COSTUMES.



WHAT KIND OF GAME SHALL WE PLAY NEXT?



I CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

I'LL MAKE UP WITH MANAME.

HEY AYUMU..

YOU WANT YOUR FRIEND TO BE HAPPY, DON'T YOU?



LAST PICTURE.

SMILE FOR THE CAMERA.

THIS IS THE BEST!

Heh. Heh.

Heh. Heh.

LET'S GET A PICTURE OF LITTLE AYUMU'S PEE...



HEY...

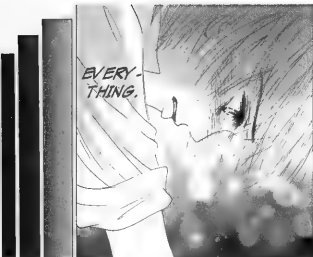
IF YOU DON'T SMILE, I WON'T LET YOU GO.

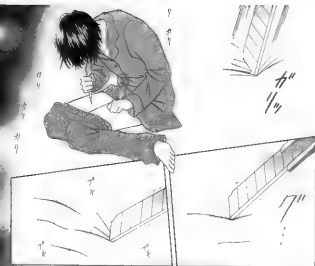








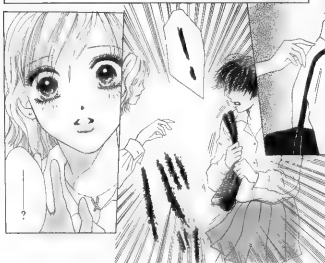






IS IT  
REALLY  
THAT  
STRANGE!

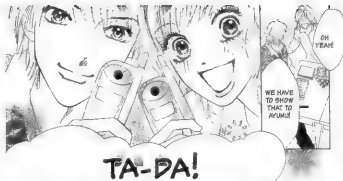




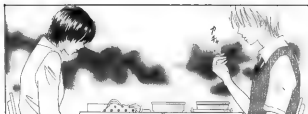














Chapter 7: Doubt





W  
O  
O  
O  
W  
!

AND THE  
WERE  
REALLY  
DETAILS  
TOO!

Wow!

LOOK!  
LOOK! YOU'RE  
THE BEST!

1. Saka Kafeum  
2. Saka Nya  
3. Saka Mawab  
4. Saka

WHOA!  
LOOK AT  
THAT!

1st Midterm

1. Sako, Katsu  
Shibata, Yosh  
miya, Atsuo

ちわ

### WHO PLACES FIRST?

I'LL MAKE  
SURE TO  
PROVIDE  
PLENTY OF  
PAIN FOR  
YOU.







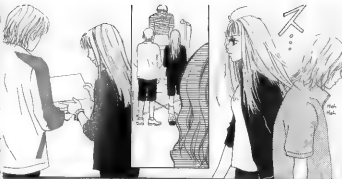


4. Hatori, Miki









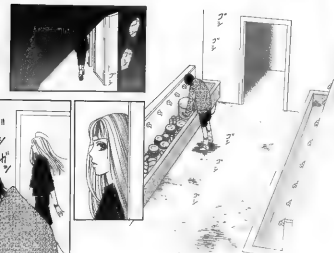














WHAT A  
PAD!

I'M  
SORRY



JUST A  
LITTLE  
HERE

SORRY,  
BUT COULD  
YOU BEING  
THERE  
LATER?



WHO!

YOU'RE  
STILL  
WASHING?



HEY,  
WAIT!



WHERE  
SHOULD  
I



OH YEAH,  
WHERE'S  
AYUMI?



WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
OVER  
THERE?

HEY!

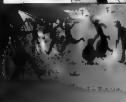


SURE!

CAN WE  
JOIN,  
TOO?



WE  
WANT TO  
DO IT,  
TOO!



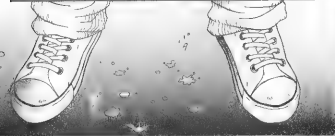
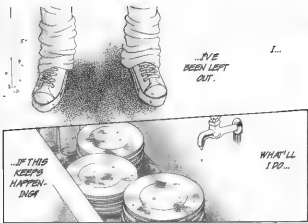
DON'T  
SCARE  
US, YOU  
IDOTS!

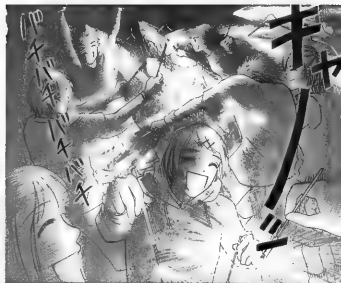
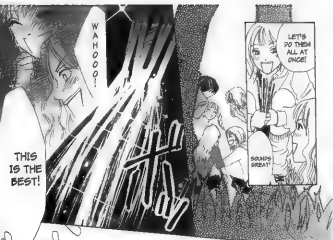


SHE'LL  
COME  
LATER.



THERE  
ARE NO  
TEACHERS  
AROUND. SO  
NOW'S OUR  
CHANCE!









THAT  
DOESN'T MEAN  
YOU HAD TO  
LET HER DO  
IT!



WHAT  
RIGHT DO  
YOU HAVE  
TO TELL US  
THAT!

IF YOU'RE  
TALKING  
ABOUT  
CLEANING  
UP, IT'S  
FINISHED!



THOSE  
WERE  
EVERYONE'S  
DISHES!

SHE'S  
DOING ALL  
OF THAT  
ALONE!

OH YEAH,  
I SAW  
SHIDA  
STILL  
WASHING  
DISHES.



SHE  
SAID SHE  
WOULD DO  
IT!

ALONE

WHATE?









## Epilogue

Friendship enriches our lives. Think how empty our lives would be without having people with whom we share interests, activities, and our feelings. However, being emotionally connected to another person means that we share in their bad times as well as good. Miki's empathy for Ayumu motivates her to lash out at the girls who mistreat her. Sometimes it can be a struggle not to feel responsible for improving another's emotional state, especially when that person is in danger of taking her own life. It's difficult for Ayumu not to be affected by Manami's suffering, particularly since Manami directly involved Ayumu in her suicidal act. Understandably, Ayumu is troubled by her friend's behavior and seems to feel compelled to try to take her pain away.

As a psychotherapist and former suicide hotline counselor, I've experienced numerous unpleasant feelings when interacting with a suicidal individual. I've felt deep sadness that she is experiencing such emotional pain and hopelessness; anxiety about my ability to help; fear that I won't do enough; a sense of responsibility for the individual's safety; a sense that I must constantly be on guard for any clues that she is in danger of hurting herself; and even worry that I will be blamed for not preventing it if she acts on her suicidal thoughts.

For those who are not trained in helping suicidal individuals, it can be even more torturous. You may feel terrified and helpless because you do not know the right thing to do. You may feel cornered by your friend's demand that you keep her secret. You may feel angry that she is putting all this on you. Or you may feel irritated if you suspect she is just trying to get attention. When faced with a friend's suicidal gestures we may become judgmental: Why can't she just look on the bright side? How could she think about taking her own precious life?

Know that you don't need to (nor should you) handle a friend's suicidal thoughts or behavior on your own. If someone you care about is feeling suicidal get help immediately by calling 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Take all talk of suicide seriously. Visit <http://www.suicidology.org> and learn the warning signs and what you can do to help.

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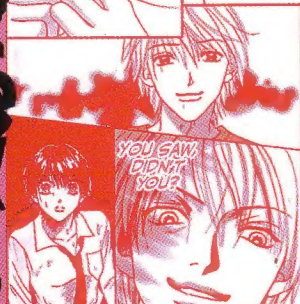
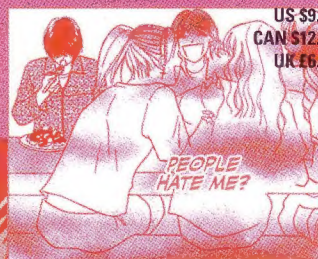
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